

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SILENT MEDITATION

Whiteness, patriarchy and colonial ideology have tried to fragment [women] into pieces they can understand and tame, but what if we existed, whole and free, in the full complexity of who we are? As a Cuban with Spanish, Taino, and African ancestry; a US American; a mujer; a co-madre; a Christian – Catholic and Protestant – I dance in between worlds in the interstitial space where Miriam danced, the space between Egypt and the promised land.

*Kat Armas, **Abuelita Faith**, p. 158*

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION/PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: My heart exults in God, my strength is exalted in my God.

C: There is no one holier than you. There is no rock like our God.

L: God makes poor and makes rich. It is God who both humbles and exalts.

C: God raises up the poor from the dust; God lifts the needy from the ash heap, to place them amongst the mighty, and promotes them to seats of honor.

L: God judges the ends of the earth.

ALL: God will endow the ruler with strength, and exalt the head of the anointed one.

*HYMN: 324 For All the Faithful Women

GATHERING PRAYER

Zara Vaccari

Let us pray; Creator God, we thank you for your promise of fullness of life. As we celebrate women across the world, we ask that all women be released into this fullness. We believe in a tomorrow where fullness of life is a reality for all. Amen.

CONFESSION

God offers us the gift of forgiveness and the opportunity to let go of our wounds. In faithful witness to God's grace and love, let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

Loving god, we confess that we criticize and pass judgment on others. We have sought to control the way they live their lives of service to you. Forgive us for our shortsightedness and sin. Help us to understand, appreciate and love our siblings in Christ, who have diverse experiences and life challenges. Help us to recognize the variety of ways we can express our faithfulness and love to you. Amen.

*******Silence*******

God sent forth the Christ, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because we are children, God has sent forth into our hearts the Spirit of God's child, who calls out "Abba"!

So we are no longer servants but children, and if children then also heirs, through God.

Thanks be to God!

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

CENTERING MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 (P. 270; p. 242)

ANTHEM

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2: 25-35 (P. 55; p. 903)

L: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Fierceness of Women

Rev. Cindy Kohlmann

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace, through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus".

CONCERNS AND JOYS

Please email, text or call your concerns directly to Pastor Terry at:

Cell: 862-432-1196, Office: 302-539-3455 or tdougherty@ovpc.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, thank you for tranquil, reflective moments when we are able to recognize you in the world. For all your beauty and wonder. We give you thanks.

For the breath in our bodies, for our hearts and souls, for our connections with one another, we give you thanks and praise.

God of reconciliation, be present with us when conflicts arise. Remind us that we have a higher calling, to forgive those who wrong us, to pray for those who persecute us, and to seek peace in the midst of strife.

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For women who have survived challenging circumstances, for the faith and witness they have shared with us, we give you thanks and praise.

God of love, we offer our gratitude to you for siblings in Christ who have comforted us and carried us in their hearts in prayer.

For those of all genders, ages and cultures, for our adoption as children of God and heirs to your promise, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

God of Creation, be present among us as we witness and serve, remember and reflect, sing and celebrate those who, with your help, guide the way for lives filled with gratitude. Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY – 606: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

***DEDICATION**

***HYMN – 546: Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

CHARGE

BLESSING

POSTLUDE



We respectfully remind you of the ongoing expenses of our ministry, and of our beautiful campus. Please continue to donate. We can receive your donation by regular mail, online via PayPal or if you would like to drop your donation off, come to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and drop it in the mailbox outside of the office.

“May our gifts be a source of light, in a world that has learned to love darkness.”

LITURGIST – Marti Sommer

SCRIPTURE READER – Amy Peoples

GREETER – Earlene DeFazio

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Donated by Karen and Bill Colwill in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary!

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Prayer List

John Burris	Tracy Higdon	Dottie Nicholson
Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their Children, and Mother Nohad	Elaine Jackson	Ainslie & Keith Peoples
John Doherty	The Family of Dave Kratch	Dick Register
Danna Henderson	Laurie Linard	Alex Rhodes
Charlotte Wheatley	The Family of Tom Murray	Ron Steen
Terry Parmelee	Family of Carole Trent	Tracey Yeager
Family of Peggy Wivel	Dr. Stephen Steurer & Family	

Prayer requests will be kept on this list in the bulletin for three months unless the office hears otherwise.

If you need prayer for whatever reason, call Kathy Sheetz (302-539-2827) to initiate a chain of prayers. Please contact the office at 302-539-3455, Sue Sigvardson at 302-858-1238 or email office@ovpc.org to update the prayer list! Thank you!

Our live streaming services will begin at 9:20 with pre-service music with worship beginning at 9:25. If you happen to miss us live, please visit our YouTube page so you can worship with the recorded version.

Announcements 5/15/2022

This Week

- **Guest Preacher:** Rev. Cindy Kohlmann is our guest preacher today. Cindy serves as Connectional Presbyterian for New Castle Presbytery and has vast knowledge and experience in working with congregations.
- **Christian Education Presentation: The Neighborhood Church** - Cindy Kohlmann will also be our guest speaker for our Christian Education class after worship today. She will speak on the topic of congregations becoming “Neighborhood Churches.” How can we reframe what it means to become a congregation and how we view our mission and ministry? How can OVPC build congregational vitality and visibility in our community? Please join us for this worthwhile presentation and discussion.
- **Mission Committee – Tornado Relief for Samburg, TN:** This Sunday is the third Sunday of the month of May. The Mission Committee with the support of the Session has dedicated the third Sunday of each month as support Sunday for the town of Samburg, Tennessee while they recover from the tornado that wiped out the entire town last December. Will you each pray about supporting this small town with your donation this Sunday? The Mission Committee and the Session thank you.
- **Reminder** – Newsletter deadline is **May 20, 2022**.
- **Prayer Shawls:** The lovely shawls displayed in the Sanctuary this morning are the work of the ladies of YARN who knit and crochet prayer shawls for those needing their comfort for any reason. For more information about this important ministry or if you need a shawl, please let Marlene Quinn or Lorie Hartsig know. All are welcome to join us on the first Monday of the month at 10 am when YARN meets in Fellowship Center.

- **Spring Jumble: It's Time for the Spring Jumble! Be Sure To Mark Your Calendar: Saturday, May 21, 2022 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon.**

The Sewing Circle needs your donations of the following items:

Glassware, small household items, kitchen miscellaneous, linens, jewelry, pictures, knick-knacks, children's toys, books and any other nearly new items. We also are looking for donations of baked goods.

PLEASE: NO CDs, DVDs, cassettes, clothing, shoes, used purses or anything broken or soiled.

Please bring donations to OVPC Memorial Hall beginning Sunday, May 15. Please contact Diane at the church office to drop off items Monday through Thursday during church office business hours. All donations must be dropped off before 12 Noon on Friday, May 20.

- **Cemetery Restoration Project:** Pippin Mausoleums and Monuments Company has begun the cemetery restoration project. All the monuments have been sprayed with a pre-cleaning solution to kill all the growth on them. Next Pippin will repair broken stones and level the leaning stones. This work is expected to begin May 16th, weather permitting.
- **Tuesday Bible Studies:** 10 AM, Fellowship Center; 6 PM, Sanctuary then Memorial Hall
- **Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesday, 6:30 PM, in the Sanctuary.

Future Events

Ongoing Events

- While masking is no longer mandatory, please respect those who wish to continue to mask. Social distancing is no longer required, please respect those who wish to continue to distance. For those who wish to continue to wear masks, OVPC will continue to supply them if needed. These changes have been made in response to the relaxation of restrictions by the state of Delaware, the drop in the Sussex County infection rate and the installation of the 2 REME Halo air purifiers in the Sanctuary.
- **Monthly Work Day:** The monthly work day for 2022 is the **second Saturday of the month.**
- **2022 OVPC Flower Chart** – All dates are covered for this year. Thank you everyone.
- **Sharing Pantry:** Women's Circle encourages you to drop off needed items during office hours. Contact Ellen Neumann for information.
- **Blessing Bags:** Drop off needed items in Narthex of Memorial Hall (lists available there). See Marie Waehler for additional information.
- **Announcements:** All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.

Looking Ahead – The Lectionary for Sunday May 22, 2022 is:

- Acts. 16: 9-15
- John 14: 23-29

New Initiatives

- **SELBYVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL -**

As Selbyville Middle School nears the end of the school year, our Women's Sewing Circle is asking for donations to help students. The entire month of May, students will spend hours in classrooms with intense testing. They need to stay hydrated and nourished during these long days. Requested items include:

1. Small bottles of water or cardboard juice containers, such as Capri.
2. Lance crackers and/or peanut butter and Saltine crackers.
3. Individual fruit cups such as applesauce or mixed fruit, or fruit roll ups.
4. Cereal.
5. Fruit and grain cereal bars like Nutri-Grain.

School ends on June 10th. Requested items to send home with students include all of the above as well as microwavable meals such as macaroni and cheese and Chef-Boyardee and other shelf-stable items, and a student favorite – Nissin Cup Noodles (or similar just-add-water-and-microwave brands). Items can be placed in two marked Blessing Bags bins in Memorial Hall by the church office during OVPC office hours, or call Marie Waehler at 302-228-5258 and she will gladly provide pick up.

Thank you in advance for your generosity for our SMS students and faculty.

- **Deacon's Mission for May:**

PENTECOST – THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit is still within us, guiding and connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to teach and inspire the church of today, and leading us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which is nurturing the faith of those who are going to lead the church to come. Our gifts allow us to fulfill God's hope and future for his children, by supporting ministries that help children, youth and young adults build a life of faith.

40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults. Some examples are: 1. Addressing systemic issues such as poverty, food, health, and clothing. 2. Afterschool and summer programs. 3. Helping to end child sex trafficking. 4. Providing school supplies. 5. Support programs for children with disabilities.

25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) experience. YAV serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25% supports ministries with youth ages 12-18, and those called to accompany them.

10% supports the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative. These are children at risk. These funds support and improve education and supply safe havens.

With our gifts, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan. The gifts we share will help young people learn important lessons about life and faith. And children, youth, and young adults can teach us new things and help us shape our faith too.

Jeremiah 29:11. I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord... to give you a future with HOPE.

If WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT

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